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## Ribbon cutting held for Runnings in Rochelle

‘It’s great to see the support from the community...’

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

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The space was previously R.P. Home & Harvest. In April 2023, Runnings, a Minnesota-based retailer, reached an agreement to purchase R.P. Home & Harvest, expanding its footprint to 80 locations, serving customers in 12 states from New York to Montana.

Runnings has been in business for over 75 years and is one of the top farm, home and outdoor-store companies in America. The Rochelle store has spent the past year undergoing a brand and operations transition.

Seth Holmgren, manager of the Rochelle Runnings, spoke at the March 21 ribbon cutting that saw attendance from Rochelle Chamber of Commerce member business owners and local officials. The store saw a lot of traffic during its three-day grand opening promotion.

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lot of name changes,” Holmgren said. “Hopefully that stops today and this is the name that everybody is going to come to love. I’d like to thank the staff here. They’ve done a tremendous job converting this store in eight short months. We’ve moved every product

and aisle and expanded selection on everything. Hopefully we’re meeting the community’s needs. If we’re not meeting your needs, let me know, and I’m going to track it down for you. For our staff, we’ve had people come from Montana and Ohio to help us out with

this. When you sit there and hear about businesses referred to as family, this is truly support like family with this company. It’s great to see the support from the community and we want to support this community.”

Chamber Executive Director Tricia Herrera

led the proceedings at the ribbon cutting and said the chamber is excited to have Runnings in the space in the city’s northern corridor. She thanked the company and its management for their investment in Rochelle.

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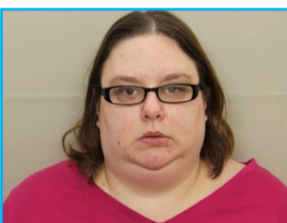
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## Ribbon cutting held for Lincoln Arts Center VCCT's home is available for rentals: 'This has been a labor of love'

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Speakers at the ribbon cutting included VCCT Board President Amy Frank, Rochelle Chamber

of Commerce Executive Director Tricia Herrera, and Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows. Frank thanked the community members that attended for showing their support.

The Lincoln Arts Center has been renovated to fit its new VCCT and rental use by volunteers. The building was donated to VCCT by the Kennay family.

"This has been a labor of love," Frank said. "We took the shell of what was left behind of Lincoln School and my husband, Steve Frank, was in charge of the renovations. He didn't do all of it himself,

but he organized us all and kept everybody on task. We've been able to renovate this building and make it the anchor of downtown Rochelle. We are now available for rent and we're not just performing our own shows here. Twice this year, we've brought in outside entertainment with two professional comedians. We're bringing in other talent, performing our own shows and being available for rent for things like business meetings, wedding receptions and parties. It is available to the community. We absolutely appreciate being here.

We're looking forward to everything to come."

Herrera said the building and VCCT are longtime pillars of the community for people that have grown up in Rochelle. She called the newly-renovated Lincoln Arts Center "a great addition" to Rochelle.

"We have so many people that call us and ask about different quality-of-life things," Herrera said. "And we always tell them about VCCT and this great space and how it's such a great addition. VCCT has been a chamber member for a long time, and now we have the

Lincoln Arts Center. We can have people use this space. It's very beautiful and functional. For a lot of people, they still think this is Lincoln School. But we know now about the transformation and how beautiful and functional it is. Thank you for all of that and welcome to the chamber."

In his speech, Bearrows spoke about the history of the building and how it came to be the Lincoln Arts Center. He thanked VCCT and its volunteers for taking on the project so the building can live on.

"I think it's amazing

what you've done through all-volunteer work," Bearrows said. "I think that says a lot about this community and what type of people we have to support different types of venues. I'm anxious to see what we'll see at the Lincoln Arts Center. We have a great amount of talent in the arts in a lot of different ways. This is a building that can showcase all of that. I'm thankful for all of the work you all have done to put this together and we just welcome you to be a part of Rochelle. This is a great backbone for our community."

## FTH: Checks presented to area nonprofit organizations

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"Thank you so much," RACF Executive Direc-

tor Emily Anaya said. "It's been great to partner with so many different entities here in Rochelle.

I think this year especially you could really feel that it was giving from the heart. People were there and celebrating everything that our event has encompassed and I think it had a really strong feel this year. We're just appreciative of this and we appreciate From the Heart and the city and everybody who donated. We hope to see you next year."

Pegasus Special Riders provides therapeutic horseback riding experiences for those who are physically and mentally challenged. Riding helps with cognitive balance and volunteers and in-

structors assist in the lessons.

The organization recently repaired severe wind damage that its facility suffered.

"We can't tell you guys how much we appreciate all of your hard work on this event," Pegasus Special Riders Treasurer Nancy Reed said. "I'm sure everyone here participated in the event in some way or another. Thank you so much. It goes a long way."

The Hub City Senior Center provides activities, transportation and nutrition for older adults.

"I just want to thank

you all so much," HCSC Executive Director Diana King said. "This was my third year participating in From the Heart. I remember the first year I participated I was kind of lost and everybody said, 'Just wait, it's amazing.' And I thought this year was the best. It just had a different feel and it was a lot of fun. Thank you everybody."

HOPE of Ogle County is the domestic violence agency and shelter that services Ogle County and northeast Lee County. It offers emergency shelter services, counseling services including individual counseling

for children, teens and adults, has multiple locations in Ogle County to provide convenient locations for those in need of service, and has a court advocacy program to help people who are interested in or would like an order of protection.

"Thank you to those that have pounded the pavement with calendars this year and came to the event and volunteered for those shifts," HOPE of Ogle County Executive Director Ruth Carter said. "That's huge to get everything moving and flowing. Thank you all for what you do."

Come join us as we celebrate this beautiful lady's 100th birthday on **Thursday, April 18th from 2-4 pm at The Meadows Assisted Living in Franklin Grove** (far North building of complex). Cards may be sent to **Millie Danekas** 510 N State Street Apt #120 Franklin Grove, IL 61031 Look for the signs and possibly balloons. If you can't make it to the Open House, visitors are always welcome!



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## RUNNINGS: Ceremony held for new store in Rochelle

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“Sometimes when stores change to different ownership, they kind of lose that small-town thing,” Herrera said. “And right away when we heard this was going to be Runnings, they reached out to us and said they wanted to be part of the chamber. And we were really excited when we heard someone local, Seth, was going to be the manager here. It’s exciting to have you here and to have a quality company here in this space and storefront. Sometimes they sit empty, but you guys didn’t do that. You stepped up and I’ve heard really great things about this place. Welcome.”

Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows spoke at the event as well and talked about the agricultural community that Rochelle is having access to farm products at Runnings.

“It allows people to buy what they need,” Bearrows said. “And it’s something we were missing. On behalf of the city, we want to say that you now have partnerships with the chamber and the city. We work



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together. It became very apparent back during the COVID-19 pandemic that the city cares for small and large businesses alike, whether it’s working with our commercial/industrial taskforce, or working with a small mom and pop operation that has a storefront downtown. We’re here for you if there’s anything we can do that’s within our power. Welcome to Rochelle.”

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Ashton Bible Church**, corner of Main and Paddock in Ashton. Pastor Farrel Stauffer, church phone is (815)453-2190, church website [www.ashtonbible.org](http://www.ashtonbible.org). Sunday School for all ages 9:00-10:00am, Morning Worship 10:15am, Wednesday Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm.

**Calvary Lighthouse Church, Assemblies of God**, Senior Pastor, Dr. James Horvath. 14409 Hemstock Rd., Rochelle. Sunday Morning: Sunday Worship & Children’s Church 10:00 A.M., Wednesday Evening 7:00 P.M. – Adult Teaching, Missionettes & Royal Rangers Childrens Classes, Nursery available for all services. HE-Brews Cafe is open before and after services. For further information, please call the CLC office at 815-562-7701, or email us at [staff@calvarylighthouse.com](mailto:staff@calvarylighthouse.com)

**Rochelle Church of Christ**, Keeping Christ at the center in the Hub City. We meet Sundays at 9:00am for Bible Study and 10:00am for worship. We also have a Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00pm. 206 Erickson Rd, Rochelle, IL 61068. You can call us at (815) 562-6572 or visit us on the web at [rochellechurch.com](http://rochellechurch.com). We also have a radio program Sundays just after 8am on WRHL 1060AM. Minister Dominic Venuso.

**Creston United Methodist Church and Steward United Methodist Church** - Rev. Ilhan You, Creston: 126 West South Street, P.O. Box 209, Creston, Illinois 60113. Sunday morning worship 9:00am. Coffee fellowship at 10:15am. Steward: 507 Main Street, P.O. Box 80, Steward, IL 60553. Adult Sunday School, 10:00am. Sunday morning worship and Children’s Sunday School 11:00am. Contact the church office at 847-730-4370 for more information. [facebook.com/crestonumcil](https://facebook.com/crestonumcil) [facebook.com/stewardilumc](https://facebook.com/stewardilumc)

**Elim Reformed Church**, 140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068. Phone: 815-562-6811. Email [goelimchurch@gmail.com](mailto:goelimchurch@gmail.com) Website [www.goelimchurch.org](http://www.goelimchurch.org) Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 Rev. Marv Jacobs

**Faith Lutheran Church** – (14206 E. Flagg Rd.) – “Making Christ Known Through Lives of Faith.” In-person worship is available each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. or online at “Faith Lutheran Social” on YouTube. Worship resources are also available on our Facebook page - ‘Faith Lutheran Church ELCA.’ You may also e-mail Pastor Joy Alsop at [Pastor@faithlchrochelle.org](mailto:Pastor@faithlchrochelle.org) for more information. All are welcome to join us!

**First General Baptist Church**, 500 S. 12th St, Rochelle. Phone: 815-562-5221. Email: [fgbcrochelle@gmail.com](mailto:fgbcrochelle@gmail.com). Website: [www.fgbcrochelle.org](http://www.fgbcrochelle.org). Facebook: [www.facebook.com/fgbcrochelle](https://www.facebook.com/fgbcrochelle). Pastor: Rev. Angelo Bonacquisti. **Sunday worship services:** 8:30 am, 11:15 am and 6:00 pm. **Sunday school:** 10:00 am. We’d be honored to have you join us as we worship JESUS and continue to grow in truth and love for God and each other. A nursery, children’s church, youth group and small groups are available. If you need a ride please contact our church bus driver, John, at (815) 262-4275 by 8:30 am on Sunday. “For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

**First Presbyterian Church** – An Amazing Place for Amazing Grace- Rev. Doug Forsberg, Senior Pastor. 1100 Calvin Road, Rochelle. Email: [info@placeforgrace.com](mailto:info@placeforgrace.com). Sunday morning worship 9:00am and 10:30am. In person or streamed online. On our Website and Facebook Live. [www.placeforgrace.com/](http://www.placeforgrace.com/) [www.facebook.com/placeforgrace](https://www.facebook.com/placeforgrace)

**Grace Fellowship Church** — Pastor Jeff Ardisson, 2128 Il Route 38, Ashton, 815-453-7464. Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 9:45 a.m. [www.graceisforyou.com](http://www.graceisforyou.com)

**Harvest Baptist Church** 241 Scott Ave. (Hillcrest). Rev. Duane Boehm, pastor. Email [duane712@hotmail.com](mailto:duane712@hotmail.com), cell 815-757-3427. Visit us on Facebook! Service times: Sunday morning worship with Children’s Church at 10 am. Wednesday night worship at 7 pm.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church** Missouri Synod 16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049. Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock. Church Phone 393-4500. Church Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Christian Education Hour at 10:30 a.m.

**Living Water Community Church** 405 N. Main St, Downtown Rochelle. Phone 815-561-6249, Website: [www.lwccr.com](http://www.lwccr.com), Like us on Facebook. We are Non-Denominational, Christ Centered, Casual dress, Christ Centered Live Band Worship. Mike Vogeler - Outreach and Seven C’s Pastor, Chris Bender- Teaching Pastor and Doug Bunker - Missions and Children’s Pastor. Sunday Worship Service- 10:00am. Nursery/Toddlers Ages 0-5 available during the service in the Splash building. Swim- Grades 1st-5th worship with the adults then break out for age appropriate teaching. Youth groups, Small groups, Life Groups and Workshops meet throughout the year for Bible teaching. 7C’s Mission- serves the community physically & spiritually each month from 1135 Lincoln Hwy, providing lightly used clothing, Hygiene items, a light lunch and Elder Prayer open the second Saturday from 10am-2pm and the 4th Thursday from 4pm to 7:00pm and by appointment.. [f](#)

**New Hope Fellowship (Church of God - Anderson, IN)**, 1501 10th Ave., Rochelle, IL 61068. Service: Sunday at 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m., (815)561-8400, [www.NHFchurch.net](http://www.NHFchurch.net) Pastor: Dan Sergeant and Pastor Nick Tornabene. (Classes for children through age fifth grade during service.)

**Rochelle United Methodist Church welcomes everyone to their worship service, and practices openness for all activities including communion. Worship is at 9:00 am. Sunday school for children begins around 9:15, following the Children’s Time in worship.** A fellowship time with food and space for conversation occurs in Hicks Hall every week following the worship service. We celebrate communion with an open table on the first Sunday of every month, and on other appropriate occasions. Youth group is on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30. Our youth program includes service projects, discussion topics, Bible Study, and lots of fun and fellowship together. Some of our activities include packing meals at Feed My Starving Children, helping at Rochelle Christian Food Pantry and 7C’s, working with animals at Barn on Baseline, Mystery trips (Destination Unknown!), and Interactive experiences on Dating boundaries, refugees, and homelessness. Youth group is for grades 6-12 and friends are always welcome. Recorded services are available on our YouTube channel and our website at [www.rochelleumc.com](http://www.rochelleumc.com). Our services are on the radio (93.5 FM) on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Our Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/rochelleumc](https://www.facebook.com/rochelleumc). **Our pastor is the Rev. Dr. Katherine Thomas Paisley.** Our address is 709 Fourth Ave. (815) 562-2164. Email is [admin@rochelleumc.com](mailto:admin@rochelleumc.com). At Rochelle United Methodist Church, everyone is welcome and loved!

**St. Patrick Catholic Church** Rev. Jesus Dominguez; Deacon Fermin Garcia; Deacon George Schramm; 244 Kelley Dr. (Corner of Kelley & Caron Rd.), PO Box 329, Rochelle, IL 61068. **Office Hours:** 9:00 AM- 4PM Monday-Thursday, Phone: 815-562-2370. **Mass times:** 8:00 AM Monday-Thursday, Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM English, 7PM Spanish, Sunday Mass 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM in English and 11:00 AM in Spanish. **Confessions:** Monday 8:30AM & 6:30PM, Tuesday 8:30AM, Saturday 8:30am & 4:00-4:45 PM Or by appointment. **Religious Education:** Deacon George Schramm, Director of Religious Education. 903 Caron Road, Rochelle, IL 61068, 815-561-0079; Website: [stpatricksrochelle.com](http://stpatricksrochelle.com) Email: [stpatrick-rochelle@rockforddiocese.org](mailto:stpatrick-rochelle@rockforddiocese.org) Facebook.com/StPatrickRochelle

**St. Paul Lutheran Church** “Building Relationships in Christ, Now and Forever!” Steven Hall, Principal, Parish Nurse-Marcia Schnorr. 1415 Tenth Ave., Rochelle. Church Office-562-2744. Worship times: 6:00 p.m. Saturday, 9:00 a.m. Sunday. Our service is broadcast over WRHL 1060AM at 10:00 a.m. Sunday. Sunday School 10:15-11:15 a.m. Call 562-6323 for more information about the school.

# LOCAL NEWS

## OBITUARIES

### Tim J. Hintzsche

**BYRON** — Tim J. Hintzsche, 61, of Byron, IL, passed away on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, with his family by his side. Born July 21, 1962, in DeKalb, IL, the son of Charles and Sandra (Pierce) Hintzsche. Tim attended Rochelle Township High School. He married Christine Stout on September 24, 1994. He began his career hauling meat for FDL Foods of Dubuque, Iowa in 1978, eventually becoming an OTR owner/operator until 2002.

Tim loved the outdoors, whether it was fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, boating, ATV's, making a bonfire, or camping — he was always ready to go. He treasured the family vacations in northern Wisconsin and camping and fishing at King's Camp in Chana, IL. He was sure to keep a close eye on the Chicago Cubs schedule, so his chores did not interfere with their game.

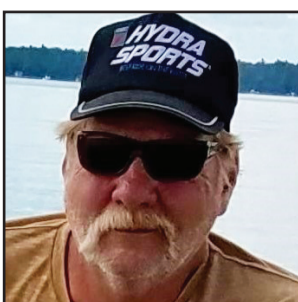
He was a loving son,

brother, husband, father, and uncle. Tim inherited a passion from his dad for teaching anyone, especially kids, the joy of the outdoors. While growing up and working on the family farm he became extremely mechanically inclined — he could fix anything, sometimes temporary, often permanent, and he enthusiastically shared his help, talents, and advice with others.

Survived by his wife, Christine; son, John; mother, Sandra; brother, William (Cheryl) Hintzsche; sister, Janette Hintzsche; nephews, Eric (Ashley) Hintzsche, Samuel Hintzsche and Vincent Morris; nieces, Liliana Webb and Cori Block, numerous great-nephews, great-nieces, and cousins; brother-in-law, Ricky (Tammy) Stout; his lifelong friend, Al Rush; and his fur baby, Maya.

Preceded in death by his father, Charles Hintzsche.

The family would like



to thank Northern Illinois Hospice Association — and especially Stacy for the loving care, compassion, and attention we received.

There will be a private service for the family.

Tim's family will host A *Celebration of his Life* on Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 4:00-6:00 pm, at the Jarrett Prairie Center located at 7993 North River Road Byron, Illinois. Please join us and celebrate his wonderful life. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Northern Illinois Hospice Association.

To share a memory or a condolence, please visit [ol-sonfh.com](https://ol-sonfh.com).

## ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**ROCHELLE** — On March 25 at 9:33 a.m. Umesh S. Patel, 49, of Elgin was cited for speeding 50 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given an April 26 Rochelle court date.

On March 26 at 8:50 a.m. Matthew D. Oleson, 46, of Rockford was cited for speeding 60 miles per hour in a 40 miles per hour zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given an April 26 Rochelle court date.

On March 26 at 11:03 a.m. Sophie L. Luxton, 28, of Rochelle was cited for disobeying a stop sign. She signed a promise to comply and was given an April 26 Rochelle court date.

On March 26 at 2:24 p.m. Zachary L. Zahm,

22, of Sycamore was cited for speeding 62 miles per hour in a 40 miles per hour zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given an April 26 Rochelle court date.

On March 26 at 11:08 a.m. Patricia K. Guillotte, 73, of Rochelle was cited for speeding 51 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone. She signed a promise to comply and was given an April 26 Rochelle court date.

On March 26 at 5:26 p.m. Amanda L. Pope, 30, of Belvidere was cited for expired registration. She signed a promise to comply and was given an April 26 Rochelle court date.

On March 26 at 2:52 p.m. Alyson M. Rains, 24, of Rochelle was cited for expired registration. She

signed a promise to comply and was given an April 26 Rochelle court date.

On March 27 at 9:02 a.m. a 17-year old juvenile of Rochelle was cited for failure to yield right of way. She signed a promise to comply and was given an April 26 Rochelle court date.

On March 28 at 1:11 a.m. Nazir Boshmouinov, 37, of Chicago was cited for speeding. He signed a promise to comply and was given an April 26 Rochelle court date.

On March 28 at 10:04 p.m. Eldin Tringovski, 39, of Rochelle was cited for expired registration. He signed a promise to comply and was given an April 26 Rochelle court date.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

## OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

**OREGON** — On March 18, deputies responded to rural Monroe Center for a juvenile complaint. Upon further investigation, 18-year-old Frank J. Decena-Flores of Rochelle was arrested for criminal sexual abuse. Decena-Flores was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was detained in lieu of a court date before a judge.

On March 26 at approximately 8:30 a.m. deputies arrested Marcel Brewster, 33, of Clinton, Iowa when he turned himself into the Ogle County Jail. He was arrested on an outstanding warrant for no valid driver's license. Brewster appeared in court, was released, and will return to court on May 13 at 9 a.m.

On March 26 at approximately 9 a.m. deputies arrested Jacinda Garza, 44, of Sterling when she turned herself into the Ogle County Jail. She was arrested on an outstanding warrant for driving on a revoked driver's license. Garza appeared in court, was released, and will return to court on April 8 at 9 a.m.

On March 26 at approximately 2 p.m. deputies arrested Mashala Dubois, 22, of Genoa when she turned herself into the Ogle County Jail. She was arrested on an outstanding warrant for uninsured motor vehicle. Dubois posted 10 percent of the \$3,000 bond, was released, and will return to court on April 12 at 9 a.m.

On March 26 at approximately 7:46 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near mile marker 100. The call originated after a concerned citizen reported the involved vehicle was driving all over the roadway. After further investigation, Robert Constantin, 24, of Pompano Beach, Florida, was placed under arrest for operating a vehicle with no valid driver's license. Constantin was also cited for improper lane usage and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Constantin was released from the scene on a notice to appear.

On March 27 at 10:15

a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 6,000 block of East Hales Corner Road. As a result, deputies arrested Kristopher B. Gyger, 53, of Dixon on a Lee County warrant, and for driving on a suspended license. Gyger was additionally cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Gyger was released on a notice to appear for the Ogle County violations. Gyger was additionally released on the Lee County warrant with a future court date.

On March 27 at 6:26 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of Illinois Route 38, Creston. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested, Daniel Del Rosario Nestor, 30, of DeKalb, for driving while unlicensed. Rosario Nestor was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was processed and released with a return court date. Rosario Nestor was also issued a citation for an equipment violation.

On March 27 at 8:46 p.m. deputies, with the assistance of the Rochelle Police Department, conducted a traffic stop at Dement Road and Illinois Route 38. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Armando Orozco-Ramos, 27, of Rochelle, for driving while license suspended. Orozco-Ramos was released with a notice to appear. Orozco-Ramos was additionally issued a citation for operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration.

On March 27 at 4 p.m. deputies located an accident with injuries in the 4,000 block of East Illinois Route 64. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that a 2002 Chevrolet Avalanche was traveling eastbound in the 4,000 block of East Illinois Route 64, when it exited the south side of the roadway, causing the driver to lose control. The Chevrolet then crossed the eastbound lane of traffic, entered the westbound lane of traffic, where it struck a 2018 Infiniti QX80 causing major damage. The Chevrolet Avalanche then overturned in the woods north of the roadway. The driver of the Infiniti QX80, 32-year-old Kaylee Fowler of Oregon, was transported to KSB Hospital by Oregon EMS, with serious injuries. The driver of the Chevrolet Avalanche, Jessica N. Atterbury, 43, of Rockton, was transported to KSB Hospital with minor injuries. Deputies arrested Atterbury for driving under the influence of alcohol, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Atterbury was additionally issued citations for expired registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, improper lane usage, speeding (78 miles per hour in a 55 miles per hour speed zone), and improper container cannabis/driver. Atterbury was released on a notice to appear with a future court date. Deputies were assisted on scene by Oregon Fire/EMS.

On March 28 at approximately 12:31 a.m. deputies were dispatched to the area of West Camp Road and North Columbian Road, outside of Mt. Morris, for a check welfare. When deputies arrived on scene, they located Kyle N. Miller, 18, of Mt. Morris, in his truck that had stuck a tree in the ditch. After a brief investigation deputies arrested Miller for reckless driving. Miller was released with a notice to appear. As a result of the crash, Miller was transported by Mt. Morris EMS to KSB Hospital for evaluation.

On March 28 at approximately 10:42 p.m. deputies were advised of a driving complaint traveling southbound on Illinois Route 2 from Byron. Deputies located the offending vehicle and a traffic stop was conducted in the 3,000 block of West Mud Creek Road. After further investigation Jared Babler, 27, of Mt. Morris, was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Babler was also cited for improper lane usage and an equipment violation. Babler was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released on a notice to appear.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty in the court of law.

## Ogle County EFSP accepting grant applications

**OGLE COUNTY** — The Ogle County Emergency Food and Shelter Program has been listed to receive federal appropriations from EFSP National Board Program in the amount of \$28,062 for phase 40. This amount is subject to change by the National EFSP National Board.

The Ogle County EFSP Program is accepting grant letters of application from agencies in Ogle County that provide emergency food and shelter.

Eligible agencies must meet the following criteria; have the capability to provide emergency food and/or shelter services; propose to use the funds to supplement or expand an existing program and services; is a private nonprofit with a voluntary board or an agency of government; have an accounting system, and practices non-discrimination, have FEIN# and DUNNs #.

Letters of application for requested funds should

be made to Ogle County Emergency Food and Shelter, and emailed to HOPE of Ogle County, Attn: Ruth Carter, [hopeogle.admin@hopedv.org](mailto:hopeogle.admin@hopedv.org)

The application letters must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 19.

The local board is to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs run by local service organizations with services in Ogle County.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## County paint and aerosol recycling and shredding event is April 13

**OREGON** — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a Latex Paint/Aerosol Can Recycling and Document Shredding Event on Saturday, April 13 at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. This event is for Ogle County residents only and identification is required. No permits are required for this recycling event.

Latex paint will be collected for recycling from 8 a.m. until noon. The first

10 containers of latex paint per vehicle will cost \$1 per quart-sized container, \$2 per gallon-sized container, and \$10 per five-gallon pail. The OCSWMD will subsidize the remaining cost to recycle the latex paint. Any additional containers of latex paint will be charged the full price to recycle, which is \$3 per quart, \$6 per gallon, and \$20 per five-gallon pail. Cash, credit card, or checks payable to “EarthPaint.org” will be accepted for payment.

Oil-based paints, stains, and varnishes and spray cans will also be accepted. Residents will have to cover the full cost for recycling oil-based paints, stains, and varnishes. Costs to recycle are \$6 per quart-sized container, \$10 per gallon-sized container, and \$25 per five-gallon pail. Cash, credit card, or checks payable to “EarthPaint.org” will be accepted for payment.

No business or contractor paints accepted. No bulking or combining of latex paint.

Bulked latex paint cannot be recycled in this program.

EarthPaint.org is a non-profit business in the Chicago area that works with adults with special needs and disabilities to sort and recycle unwanted latex paint into new paint or other products.

Aerosol cans, small 14-16-ounce propane cylinders, and small butane cylinders will also be accepted by Flatcan Recycling. There is no cost for up to 10 containers. For over 10 items aerosol cans will be

\$1 each and propane and butane cylinders will be \$4 each for recycling. Most aerosol spray products will be accepted for recycling. Flatcan Recycling will also accept alkaline batteries for recycling for \$4 per pound and one child car seat at no charge. Additional child car seats will be \$10 per seat.

In addition, secure, on-site document shredding will be conducted by Freeport Recycling’s Shred-Beast truck from 9 a.m. to noon. There is a limit of three

boxes per vehicle. No business or institutional material accepted. There is no cost to residents for paper shredding, because the OCSWMD will cover the cost of the Shred-Beast truck and staff.

Please call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020, email [solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov](mailto:solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov), or visit [www.oglecountyil.gov](http://www.oglecountyil.gov) or the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department on Facebook for more information about this recycling opportunity.

(PHOTOS BY JEFF HELFRICH)



### Demolition of former site of Vinny’s Barber Shop begins

On Tuesday, demolition of the former site of Vinny’s Barber Shop at 517 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. began. The city purchased the building in October after the building had previously been condemned. The demolition is estimated to cost about \$30,000. The city council will decide the future use of the space, which could involve more open green space and another place for people to congregate downtown.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Ogle County 4-H Federation hosted its annual 4-H Penny Carnival at the Blackhawk Center in Oregon on March 2.

### 4-H Carnival winners announced

**OREGON**—The Ogle County 4-H Federation hosted its annual 4-H Penny Carnival at the Blackhawk Center in Oregon on March 2. Penny Carnival is much like a fun fair, but features games dreamed up and designed by the 4-H clubs in the county. All 12 of the county’s clubs participated, dreaming up games based on the theme “Oceans of Possibilities in 4-H” and encouraging the development of a wide range of game types.

Cash prizes were awarded to two clubs for games

determined to be “Most Entertaining” and two clubs for games determined to be “Most Creative.” New this year, we also had a People’s Choice Award. Congratulations to all of the following:

**Most Entertaining:** Grand Detour Greens 4-H Club (Fishing game and Lollipop game), and By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club, Byron (Shipwrecked!)

**Most Creative:** Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club (Ping Pong Goldfish Toss), and Ogle County Clovers 4-H Club (Walk the Plank).

**People’s Choice:** Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club, Oregon/Mt. Morris.

Proceeds from the night will be divided equally among participating clubs. Many thanks to the hundreds of Ogle County families who attended!

4-H is an informal youth education program conducted by University of Illinois Extension. For more information, call Ogle County Extension at 815/732-2191 or visit Ogle County 4-H online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo>.

## St. John’s Lutheran Church Kumla Dinner is April 6

**CRESTON** — St. John’s Lutheran Church, 124 South St., Creston, will host its 27th annual kumla/ham dinner, April 6. Cost will be \$17.

This is a drive thru with two pickup times. The first

one will run from 11:30- 2 p.m. and the second will be from 3-5:30 p.m.

Norwegian homemade cookies will also be a presale order. All cookies are \$8 per dozen. Choices are kringla, krumkaka, tripolies and

almond bars.

Advanced presale tickets only can be purchased by calling Dorothy (815)384-5325, the church (815)384-3720, or contact any church member. No tickets will be available at the door.

## Oregon woman pleads guilty to first degree murder in 2021 death of 7-year-old son

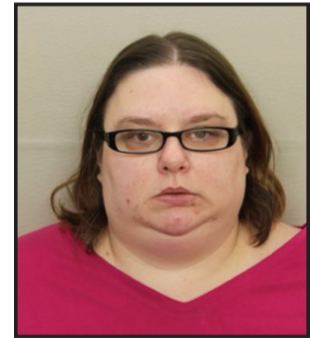
**OREGON** — An Oregon woman pleaded guilty to first degree murder in the 2021 death of her son in Ogle County court on March 27, Ogle County State’s Attorney Mike Rock said in a March 27 press release.

Sarah Safranek, 37, of Oregon plead guilty in front of the Honorable Judge John C. Redington. On Feb. 17, 2021, the Oregon Police Department responded to 403 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St. for a deceased minor. The minor would be identified as the defendant’s son, seven-year-old Nathaniel Burton. An autopsy was conducted and it was determined that Burton died from suffocation. The Oregon Police Department and the Illinois State Police conducted an investigation and the defendant was developed as a suspect. The case was reviewed by the Ogle County State’s Attorney’s Office and charges were authorized.

First degree murder

is a Class M felony with a sentencing range of 20-60 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by three years of mandatory supervised release. The sentence is served at 100 percent.

Safranek’s sentencing hearing is set for May 17 at 1 p.m.



Sarah Safranek



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# LOCAL VIEWS

## Tom McDermott: Ashton Fire of 1889

MARCH 28, 1889 started out like most days in Ashton, local business owners were opening their stores and preparing to serve their customers. H.E. Chadwick, as postmaster for the village, had opened the doors and banked the fire in the wood burning stove to take the chill out of the building. By 10 a.m. most businesses were opened and downtown Ashton was a beehive of activity. Like most small towns in the late 1880s, Ashton's business district consisted of mostly wooden structures with wood shingle roofs built closely together. In these early days Ashton did not even have a fire department, it was a city waiting to burn. At 10:30 a.m. smoke was seen coming from the roof of the Post Office. The cry of "fire" was raised and a normal Thursday would become a nightmare for the community.

The Post Office sat at the middle of the block on the north side of today's Main Street between Evans Avenue and Douglas Avenue. Fellow merchants and citizens joined together to fight the blaze. Buckets and ladders were hurried to the Post Office. Unfortunately, the fire was in the walls and attic thus the responders could not reach the flames. Quickly the fire burned through the roof, flames and sparks rose into the sky, the race was on. With a brisk wind out of the west burning embers were carried to the buildings to the east. Bode and Eisenberg Dry Good Store caught fire, as did their storage building. The roof of the American Hotel smoldered and the hotel barn was on fire.

The telegraph lines jumped to life and assistance was requested from Rochelle, Franklin Grove and Dixon. Rochelle responders gathered buckets, ladders and any other tools that might be needed to fight the flames and loaded them onto train cars. Dixon Fire Company with almost 100 citizens also boarded trains and began the trek to Ashton. Franklin Grove also sent a contingent. By 11:40 a.m. more than 200 responders were on scene with ladders and buckets only to learn that there was little if any water supply.

Bode and Eisenberg moved silks, laces, cashmeres and other stock out of their store and into the street. West of the Post Office, George Charters' Drug Store was burning. Stock, including ammunition was removed and carried across the street. Within a short-time, embers had started the stock on fire and the ammunition began discharging, which sent people scattering. By the time responders could return to the area the fire had spread west to Harry Bly and Chadwick Butcher Shop and Peter G. Smith Shoes. In desperation the responders tore down Tom Smith's Barber Shop next to an alley thus stopping the westerly spread of the fire on the north side of the street.



Tom McDermott

Wind-driven fire continued to the east. Embers ignited Isaac Earls' Grocery Store and Jack Williams Dry Goods before the Hicks building was torn down to save Oliver's Jewelry, Geyer and Geyer Harness, and Leach Drug Store. Almost two blocks to the east the flour mill was allowed to burn as it posed no threat to the downtown. East of Leach Drug Store, the T.L. Brown and Company, Charles Greve Furniture, and Isaac Trask Meat Market fell to the inferno. John Howes Restaurant, the William Taggart building, and August Bass's Saloon each quickly succumbed to the raging inferno. It was only at Brown Avenue that the fire stopped its run to the east.

On the south side of Main Street, the fire had jumped from the buildings on the north side to the stock which had been taken from the stores then to the stores on the south side of Main Street. William Putman's Barber Shop and Julia C. Smith's Book Store were the first of the south side businesses to go up in flames. Once the fire had jumped to the south side of the street the fire pushed to the west. Cornelius Bell's Restaurant, which filled two store fronts, could not be saved. Clothiers Livery was lost, the Ashton Town Hall carried the fire to Henry Stephens Furniture and Funeral Home. A small shanty owned by a Mr. Stevens was torn down and the easterly spread of the fire was stopped. The fire spread easterly and consumed D.A. Glenn and Company on the corner of Main Street and Evans Avenue. Delaney's Saloon also burned.

By 2:30 p.m. the Dixon Fire Co. had stacked their ladders and the fire was believed extinguished when again the call of "fire" was heard, the Mills and Petrie Bank was on fire. Mr. Petrie quickly placed books and records into the vault and at the last minute he closed the door. John Trestle kept guard over the safe for two days after the fire, and when the vault was opened all of the records had been saved. The bank unfortunately had the honor of being the last to burn.

In four short hours, 28 buildings had been lost. Two were residences and the rest were businesses. Responders from out of town loaded up their gear and waited for the train to take them home. Locals began the difficult task of rebuilding.

Today much has changed in the Village of Ashton but some things have remained constant. Pride in their community and the refusal to buckle during hard times. Businesses were being rebuilt and reopened as early as the next day. Ashton might have burned down, but it would not be kept down.

*Tom McDermott is a Flagg Township Museum historian and Rochelle city councilman.*

## Illinois community colleges empower women

AS a career advocate for community inclusion and access to critical services like health care and education, I felt compelled to highlight the work of Illinois Community Colleges across our state that empower women to pursue careers in historically male-dominated industries. March is National Women's History Month when we celebrate and remember women's achievements. Creating opportunities for women through education is a 24/7 mission for the Illinois Community College System.

Illinois' community colleges continue to be leaders in actively dismantling barriers, supporting women's long-term career goals, and providing adequate resources. As a key facilitator of workforce training in our state, the Illinois Community College System plays a pivotal role in reshaping the landscape of gender representation in the workforce.

Community colleges are not merely centers of community education; they are engines of empowerment, driving change and inclusivity. As a Hispanic woman, this empowerment is especially important to me given the student population across our community college system. Women make up more than 50% of the enrollment in community colleges, and the colleges serve 72% of the minority population in public higher education. Through innovative programs, dedicated support services, and collaborative partnerships, Illinois community colleges are paving the way for women to thrive in fields where they have historically been underrepresented.

One of the most significant contributions of Illinois community colleges is the development of tailored programs designed specifically to prepare women for careers in male-dominated industries. From welding and manufacturing to construction trades, these programs provide women and other underrepresented groups with the specialized skills and knowledge necessary to excel in their chosen fields. By offering hands-on training, mentorship opportunities, and real-world experiences, these programs equip individuals with the confidence and competence to succeed.

Illinois community colleges recognize the unique challenges faced by women entering male-dominated fields and take steps to support those challenges. From having the right safety gear to fit women available in a welding program or inviting female industry speakers and alumni to talk to a STEM class, these efforts foster a supportive and nurturing environment that empower women to pursue their career aspirations with determination and resilience.

Furthermore, Illinois community colleges actively cultivate partnerships with industry leaders to ensure that their programs remain relevant and responsive to the evolving needs of the workforce. These partnerships facilitate internships, job placements, and networking opportunities, providing students with valuable connections and practical experience in their chosen fields. By bridging the gap between education and industry, these collaborations enhance the employability of women graduates and facilitate their transition into male-dominated professions.

It is essential to acknowledge the critical role of financial aid and scholarships in making education more accessible and affordable for students pursuing careers in traditionally male-dominated fields. Illinois community colleges offer a range of financial assistance options, enabling women and others from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds to pursue their educational and career goals without undue financial burden. By removing financial barriers to education, these colleges ensure that all women can fulfill their potential in these professions and contribute meaningfully to the workforce.

I am proud to be a part of the Illinois Community College Board, a group of dedicated women and men who support the many goals of Illinois' community colleges, including empowering women to

forge successful career paths in any industry they choose. Through their commitment to innovation, inclusivity, and excellence, these institutions are transforming lives and driving necessary change in our communities. As we continue to champion gender equality and diversity in the workforce, let us recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of Illinois community colleges in creating a more equitable and inclusive future for all.

*Teresa Garate has spent more than 30 years working throughout Illinois and the US as an expert in public health, social and human services, and education. She has served as a member of the Illinois Community College Board and represents the community college board on the Illinois Board of Higher Education since 2012 and was recently named vice chair of the board.*

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Pictured above are RMS seventh grade speech coaches Ms. Jessica Hickey and Mrs. Theresa Crystal and team members Arabella Maruffo, Daphne Wise and Savannah Goodrich.

## RMS seventh grade speech team found success at March 5 meet

**ROCHELLE** — Rochelle Middle School recently congratulated its seventh-grade students for their efforts in the RMS speech meet on March 5. Arabella Marruffo led the team by earning first place in Humorous Interpretation and Radio Speaking. Daphne Wise

who earned second place in Verse Reading and Impromptu Speaking. A third-place award went to Savannah Goodrich for her performance in the Humorous Interpretation event. Kaelyn Gerstel and Audrianna Massengale-Cultra were an entertaining duo in duet acting

and placed fifth in their category. The second and final speech meet was held at Rochelle Township High School with another successful round of dramatic performances. Wise placed first in both Verse Reading and Impromptu Speaking. Marruffo

earned second in Humorous Interpretation and third in Radio Speaking. Goodrich enjoyed a third-place victory in Humorous Interpretation. “We are proud of our student accomplishments and look forward to further successes next year,” an RMS press release said.

## Salinas named to dean’s list at Palmer College of Chiropractic

**DAVENPORT, Iowa** — Britney Salinas of Lindenwood has been named to the 2023 fall

trimester dean’s list at Palmer College of Chiropractic’s Main Campus in Davenport, Iowa.

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Super Crossword

Answers

1. Door is taller. 2. Doorbox is moved. 3. Man is taller. 4. Dormer is moved. 5. Ladder rung is missing. 6. Line in walkway is moved.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Door is taller. 2. Doorbox is moved. 3. Man is taller. 4. Dormer is moved. 5. Ladder rung is missing. 6. Line in walkway is moved.

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ACROSS

1 Very little bit  
5 Large Indian city  
10 Discover by chance  
15 Elegant  
19 Liposuction target  
20 Take out — (borrow cash)  
21 Journalist — Rogers St. Johns  
22 Actor Cronyn  
23 Initial impression  
25 Printer cartridge contents  
27 Still in the future  
28 Harsh review  
30 Admit defeat  
31 Wonder  
32 Like bedroom communities  
35 Partners of 84-Down  
36 Metal sleeve in an engine's piston  
40 Slide down a slope  
41 Cuts of pork  
42 Disney who drew  
43 Toot one's own horn  
46 Gaius' garb  
50 Rand of objectivism

DOWN

1 Not definite  
2 "Rolie Polie —" (kids' book)  
3 Sour  
4 Refrain from drinking  
5 Patted lightly  
6 Fanning of "Teen Spirit"  
7 Baseball's Gehrig  
8 Wields influence  
9 Occupy  
10 TV's Linden  
11 Lupino or Tarbell  
12 Actress Thompson of "Creed"  
13 Brand of fake 69-Down  
14 — a one (zero)  
15 Go through the motions  
16 1/16 pound  
17 Aroma  
18 "— Johnny!"  
24 Small cities  
26 Ankara native  
29 Convent sister  
32 Span. women  
33 Steel support for concrete  
34 Grill  
36 Dressed (in)  
37 "Around-the-world" toy

82 — chic  
83 Pivot point  
84 Fishing sticks  
86 Devils' org.  
87 Dirt Devils, e.g., in brief  
91 Nissan car models  
92 Reason for extra innings  
93 Get — on reality  
94 Ceiling coat  
96 Terminates  
98 Arrow shooter  
99 Short-horned grasshopper  
100 Differently — (other-skilled)  
101 Pilotless craft  
102 Lead-in to "the cloth" or "the hour"  
103 Cartoonist Bil  
104 Comic and actor Murphy  
107 Breakfast chain, in brief  
109 "I — bad moon rising"  
110 Meeting period, slangily  
111 — buco (veal dish)  
112 Map nos.  
114 Tenth mo.  
115 Very little  
117 Cousins, e.g.



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## April @ RTHS

### National Honor Society Induction – March 11, 2024

#### 2023 Inductees

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#### 2024 Inductees

Seniors: Jessica Marin, Annaleigh McKinney, Caleb Wyssbrod

Juniors: Xitlali Brizuela, Cash Budde, Sydney Carmichael, Manuel Cruz, Riley Doyle, Olivia Faivre, Viviana Fulgencio, Emma Kennay, Julia Livingston, Abby Metzger, Erin Murphy, Ali Ohlinger, Jacob Ost, Frankie Pelan, Taelynn Rodeghero, Jackson Smith, Yarezi Villalobos, Zoe White



**Congratulations to the RTHS Art Interstate 8 participants**

**RTHS Finished in 2nd Place**

Best of Show (the best piece entered by any school) 1st place Drawing Color went to RTHS Student Denia Rincon

1st place Sculpture no clay- Wyatt Garrelts

1st place Photo Altered- Bobbie Henning

1st place Photo Unaltered- Kyler Dickson

2nd place Ceramics Hand-built- Anahi Cervantes

3rd place Painting Oil or Acrylic- Alivia Henkel

3rd place Photo Unaltered- Daniel DeLaTorre



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN APRIL

**April 4** RTHS FLEX Schedule Release  
2:15pm/3:05pm

**April 6** Math Team – State at  
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**April 11** RTHS FLEX Schedule Release  
2:15pm/3:05pm  
Spring Play Performance 7:30pm

**April 12** Spring Play Performance 7:30pm

**April 13** Spring Play Performance 7:30pm

**April 15** RTHS Board Meeting 5:30pm

**April 16** PSAT and SAT testing – Grades 9, 10  
and 11 8am-12pm

**April 18** RTHS FLEX Schedule Release  
2:15pm/3:05pm

**April 25** RTHS FLEX Schedule Release  
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Vocal Jazz Night 7pm



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# SPORTS



**SHINING AT STATE**

Pearson Putzstuck medaled at the 2024 Illinois State Gymnastics Championships.

See page 3 for more details

RTHS Boys Tennis

## Hubs net two victories

Rochelle starts 2024 season with wins over Rockford Lutheran and St. Bede

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE—Thursday evening was a successful outing for the Rochelle Hub varsity tennis team, which secured wins over Rockford Lutheran and St. Bede to open the 2024 season.

After a series of weather cancellations, Rochelle was finally able to take the court on Thursday, when the Hubs hosted a trio of nonconference opponents including Rockford Lutheran, Rockford Christian and St. Bede. Rochelle faced Rockford Lutheran during the afternoon, scoring three of the four doubles points to edge the Crusaders for a 4-3 win. The Hubs finished the evening with another hard-fought victory, as Rochelle held off St. Bede for a 4-1 win.

The Hubs (2-0, 0-0 Interstate 8) played a trio of exhibition matches against Rockford Christian, who fielded only two players in Thursday's meet. Rochelle will travel for a road match against Belvidere North on Monday before beginning Interstate 8 play at Sycamore on Tuesday.

"I was very pleased with how we played today all across the lineup," head

coach Kristy Eckardt said. "We only had five of our returning players playing today, so the way all the new guys handled themselves was really great to see. We definitely have a lot of promise with the competitiveness and skills that our guys are starting to develop, and it was nice to finally see them play against other teams today."

### Lutheran

The Hubs avoided the singles sweep against the Crusaders with a win at the No. 3 court, where freshman Connor Hunley defeated Dade Robinson 10-4 in a single-set match. Sophomore Philip Winters won two games in a 2-10 loss against Visvai Subramanian at the No. 2 court and senior Jimmy Chavez conceded a 0-10 defeat to Ben Temple at the No. 1 court in singles.

Rochelle clinched its win over the Crusaders in doubles, where senior Parker Lenkaitis and sophomore Mark Green teamed up for a clean 10-0 sweep over Landon Horn and Kevin Aulner at the No. 1 court. The Hubs scored a crucial doubles point at the No. 2 court, where seniors Eli Luxton and Austin Raleigh edged out Lutheran's Dean



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Sophomore Philip Winters goes to his forehand during the Rochelle Hub varsity tennis meet with Rockford Lutheran, Rockford Christian and St. Bede on Thursday evening.

Akre and Cale Patkus for a 10-8 win.

Freshmen Noah McKinney and Sam Sergeant battled Conrad Johnson and Douglas Johnson at the No. 3 court, falling 6-10. Senior Alex McBride and freshman Amor Lara received a forfeit at the No. 4 court for the Hubs, as the Crusaders

did not have enough varsity players.

### St. Bede

Rochelle found more success in singles during its match against the Bruins. Sophomore Philip Winters cruised over Mark Rudenko for a 10-4 win at the No. 1 court, while freshman

Connor Hunley defeated Noah Buck 10-6 at the No. 2 court. Freshman Derek Swartz fought well in his match against St. Bede netter Brax Kim at the No. 3 court, taking six games in a 6-10 defeat.

Rochelle swept the two doubles points against the Bruins on Thursday, with

seniors Eli Luxton and Austin Raleigh dominating Solomon Zhang and Julian Villava for a 10-2 win at the No. 2 court. Senior Parker Lenkaitis and sophomore Mark Green also shined in their match against Isaac Kang and Tyler Walsh at the No. 1 court, dropping only one game in a 10-1 victory.

RTHS Cross Country

## Rochelle names Bergeson as next head coach

Zilis steps down after 21 years with program and 26 years of coaching at RTHS

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Township High School cross country program will have a new head coach when the Hub and Lady Hub runners lace up their shoes for the 2024 season.

Dale Bergeson has been named the next head coach of the cross country team. Bergeson has been an assistant cross country coach for the last five seasons and currently serves as the head coach of the boys track and field team. Bergeson's hiring was approved during the Rochelle Township High School Board of Education meeting held on Monday, March 18.

"Since I was in high school, I never thought that I would be the head cross country coach," Bergeson said. "It's an honor, knowing who the coaches who came before me were. I want to make the program even better and try to build off of what coach [John] Dobbs and coach [Mark] Zilis did. I'm excited to see the young runners we'll have coming back and I think we'll have our best shot over the last 15 years to get a team down to the state meet. I'm excited for that."

In addition to cross

"I want to make the program even better and try to build off of what coach [John] Dobbs and coach [Mark] Zilis did. I'm excited to see the young runners we'll have coming back..."

Dale Bergeson

country, Bergeson has coached track and field at RTHS for 12 years including four years as head coach of the boys team. As an RTHS student-athlete, Bergeson helped the boys cross country team complete an undefeated season during his senior year, when the Hubs won an IHSA Regional title and qualified for the IHSA State Championships.

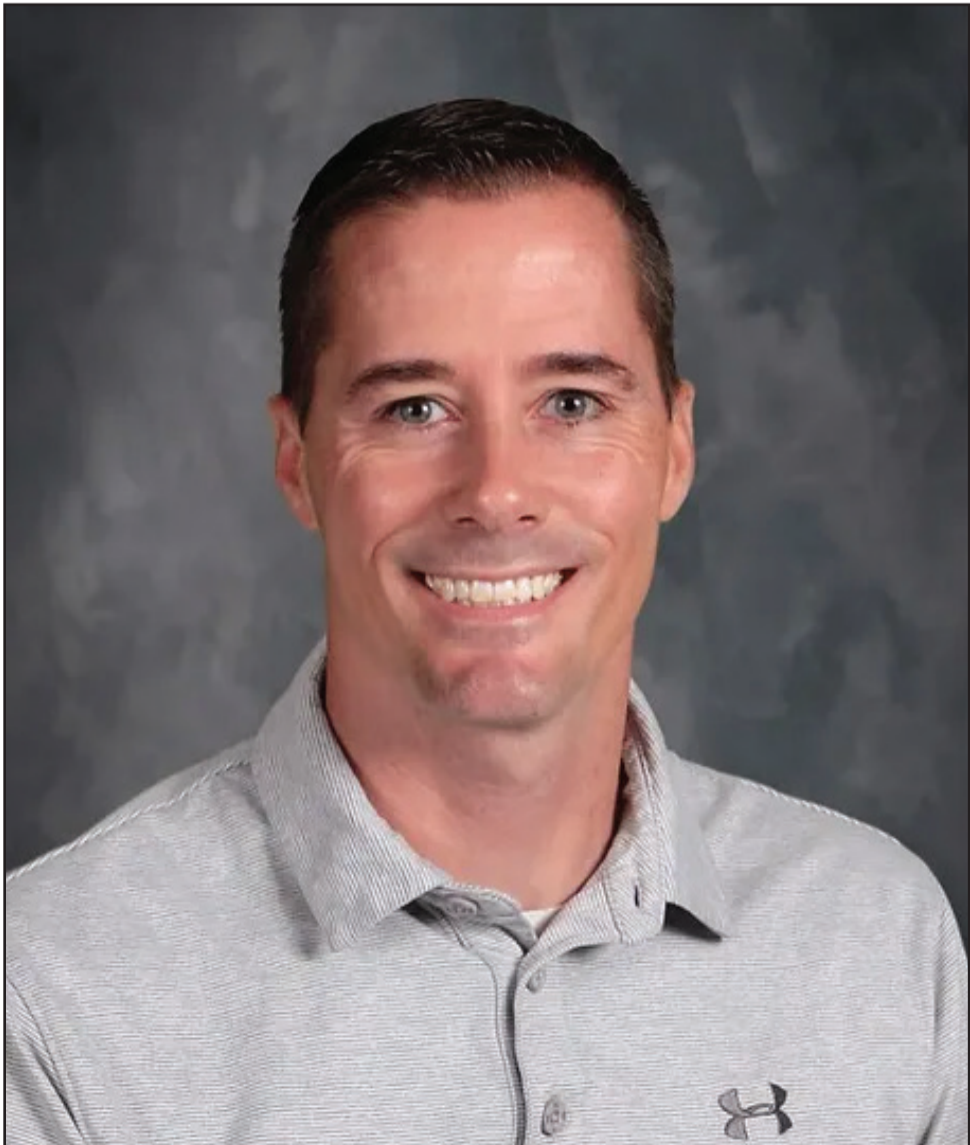
Bergeson replaces former head cross country coach Mark Zilis, who has spent 21 years with the cross country program including five years as a head coach. Zilis, whose resignation was approved during the RTHS board meeting, has coached sports at RTHS for the last 26 years, spending 22 years with the track and field program and four with the boys soccer program.

"Coach Zilis was always consistent with how he

laid out his practice plans and what I learned from him was that every kid matters," Bergeson said. "I think we're going to focus more on speed training as far as distance with purpose is concerned. We want to build quickness in our 3-mile times and I'm looking forward to putting our plans together and going from there."

Zilis said he and his wife Katie, who coaches both cross country and track at Rochelle Middle School, intend on moving to Champaign and spending time with their three grandchildren.

"I enjoyed seeing athletes of all abilities improve over the years," Zilis said. "I've been training for the last 55 years and it started with my cross country and track coaches encouraging me in high school. Dale has been my assistant coach for



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Dale Bergeson has been named the next head coach of the Rochelle Township High School cross country program. Bergeson replaces Mark Zilis, who steps down after 21 years with the program and 26 years of coaching at RTHS.

the last five years in cross country and has seen what can be accomplished with

hard work. He is incredibly organized and inspirational. He also was a member of

the last RTHS cross country team to make it to the state meet (in 2000)."



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## HUB SPOTLIGHT



**Luke  
Dickey**

*Year: Freshman*

*Sport: Baseball*

**Q: How many years have you been playing this sport?**

*A: 10 years.*

**Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?**

*A: Playing the game with my friends.*

**Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?**

*A: Math because I am doing well in it.*

**Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?**

*A: Shohei Ohtani because he's humble and inspirational.*

**Q: Who is your biggest role**

**model and why?**

*A: My dad because he works hard at everything he does.*

**Q: What is your dream job and why?**

*A: To be a professional baseball or basketball player.*

**Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?**

*A: Paris because there's so much to see and do.*

**Q: What is your favorite thing about being a student-athlete at RTHS?**

*A: The support I receive from the teachers and my classmates.*

**Marcus  
Hansen**

*Year: Freshman*

*Sport: Baseball*



**Q: How many years have you been playing this sport?**

*A: Nine years.*

**Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?**

*A: Having fun with my teammates.*

**Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?**

*A: English because I like reading the books in class.*

**Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?**

*A: Anthony Rizzo because he's a professional baseball player despite all of the adversity he's been through.*

**Q: Who is your biggest role**

**model and why?**

*A: My mom and dad because of everything they've taught me.*

**Q: What is your dream job and why?**

*A: To be a professional baseball player because I love playing baseball.*

**Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?**

*A: The Bahamas because of the weather and the beaches.*

**Q: What is your favorite thing about being a student-athlete at RTHS?**

*A: Looking forward to baseball after a day at school.*

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# SPORTS

RTHS Girls Soccer

## Lady Hubs concede shutout loss against Sycamore

### Rochelle kicks off Interstate 8 schedule with 8-0 defeat on Wednesday night

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**SYCAMORE** — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer team kicked off the Interstate 8 Conference schedule with a road match against the Sycamore Spartans on Wednesday.

Despite hanging tough in the first half, where the Lady Hubs held Sycamore to just two goals, the Spartans capitalized on the tailwind during the second half, adding six goals to their total and cruising to an 8-0 victory over Rochelle (0-5, 0-1 Interstate 8) at the final whistle.

The Lady Hubs held Sycamore off the scoreboard until midway through the first half, when the Spartans scored two unanswered goals in the 14th and 18th minutes to take a 2-0 lead. Sycamore's first goal in the 14th minute came on a left-footed shot from just outside the Rochelle penalty area, while the second goal in the 18th minute was the result of a suc-

cessful through ball that rolled down the middle of the Lady Hub defense to set up the scoring chance.

Sycamore quickly utilized the tailwind to its advantage early in the second half, scoring back-to-back goals in the 42nd and 43rd minutes to hold a 4-0 lead over the Lady Hubs. The Spartans capitalized on a breakaway opportunity before scoring on a long cross shortly after.

Sycamore continued to attack midway through the second half, adding goals in the 51st and 52nd minutes on a pair of right-footed shots that soared over the middle of the Rochelle defensive line and goalkeeper Danica Ward.

The Spartans iced their victory with consecutive goals in the 68th and 70th minutes, capitalizing on a defensive turnover by the Lady Hubs as well as a successful cross into the Rochelle penalty area that put Sycamore ahead 8-0.

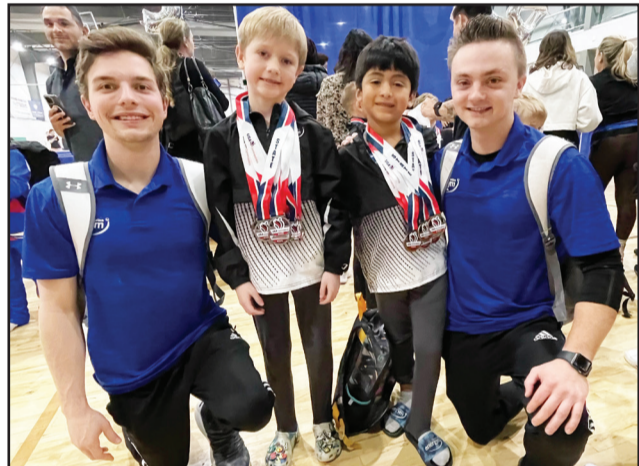
Rochelle's next match is scheduled for Monday, April 1 at home against the Oregon Hawks.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)  
**Junior Brittany Cortes battles Sycamore defender Hannah Raetzke during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer match against the Spartans on Wednesday evening.**

## USA Gymnastics

(COURTESY PHOTOS)



**Putzstuck medals at 2024 Illinois State Championships**  
Pearson Putzstuck competed at the 2024 Illinois State Gymnastics Championships in Bourbonnais from March 22-24. Putzstuck received multiple state medals for his six performances, which included second-place finishes in pommel horse, parallel bars and high bar as well as a third-place finish in floor and fifth-place finishes in rings and vault. Putzstuck, who trains at Energym Gymnastics in Sycamore and is in his first year of gymnastics, finished second all-around at the 3D2 level. Putzstuck is coached by Zachary McCue and Zachary Cipra.

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## The role of a home health aide

CAREGIVERS come from all walks of life. Doctors and nurses may be the frontline medical providers people encounter most frequently, but there are plenty of others who do their part to maintain the well-being of individuals, including home health aides.

Home health aides, sometimes called personal care aides, are brought in to assist a person with activities of daily life. An HHA typically helps a person who may need some assistance with tasks they cannot perform due to illness or disability. HHAs may work in a person's home, in a group home or in another care facility.

AARP says home health aides are considered health care paraprofessionals and must meet established training requirements, which vary by location.

HHAs may perform various duties, including:

- assistance with personal care, such as dressing, toileting, feeding, and moving from bed to chair, etc.
- checking vital signs
- monitoring a client
- light housekeeping



- meal planning and cooking
- picking up prescriptions
- companionship

HHAs typically will not provide skilled nursing care and may not be able to

offer recommendations on treatment or medications.

Individuals can find the services of HHAs who may work independently or are placed through agencies. Sometimes a doctor or hospital will have con-

nections to HHA services and can make referrals. It can be useful to interview several potential HHAs to find one who will fit with the needs and personality of the person requiring assistance. A good HHA will

be compassionate, patient and flexible.

As illness or injury also can affect a person's mood, HHAs must be able to adjust if a client is reluctant to receive help or is depressed or anxious

from his or her limitations.

Home health aides serve vital roles in the health care community by providing care and companionship to those who can no longer live independently.

## Tips to find a home health aide

A desire to live independently seems to be part of human nature. Though that desire may continue to burn as individuals approach retirement age, unforeseen circumstances such as medical issues or the death of a partner may result in a need to work with a professional caregiver.

Home health aides (HHAs) can help aging individuals or those with certain physical or cognitive limitations live full lives without requiring them to move into assisted living facilities or seek alternative housing arrangements. HHAs provide a host of services, and individuals living in well-populated areas may have no shortage of options as they seek to hire a professional to help themselves or a loved one with the tasks of daily life. Individuals or families beginning their search for a home health aide can keep these tips in mind.

- Identify the services required. The Family Caregiver Alliance® notes there are several main areas to assess when identifying which services individuals may need help with. Personal care consists of bathing, eating, dressing, toileting, and grooming. Household care involves cooking, cleaning, laundry, and shopping. HHAs who provide medical care may help clients manage medications, provide physical therapy and help clients get to their doctor's appointments. Companionship is a component of emotional care, which also may entail engaging clients in meaningful activities and conversation. Identifying the services required can help individuals and their families zero in on the professionals who can help them.
- Seek recommendations from trusted doctors and confidantes. An individual who needs daily assistance at home can ask his or her physician for recommendations (family

members can ask as well). Physicians undoubtedly have had previous patients who have benefited from the services of HHAs, so they can likely recommend local professionals. Trusted confidantes, such as neighbors, relatives and friends, who have been in similar situations, or have family members who have required HHAs, also can be an invaluable resource.

- Contact a local agency. The FCA notes that contacting a local Home Care Agency is a formal way to find an HHA for yourself or a loved one. Various agencies are likely in operation within a reasonable distance of a person's home, though the FCA notes far fewer agencies serve rural areas. Contacting a local Home Care Agency can put individuals and their families in contact with professionals who can help match people with particular needs with HHAs who specialize in such care or have extensive experience providing a range of home care services.

- Look into a direct-hire group. AARP® notes that direct-hire agencies maintain networks of independent caregivers and facilitate connections between those professionals and individuals and



families seeking help. When working with a direct-hire group, inquire about their fees and ask if they can share any information regarding how to pay independent contractors who can be found through their agencies. It's also important to

ask if direct-hire groups formally vet professionals that can be found through them or if individuals and

families must conduct their own background checks.

Individuals who need some assistance with daily

living can employ various strategies to find home health aides who can provide such services.



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